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Robert E. Covington
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Re: Proposed Amendment to Large Mining Operations Notice of Intention, Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corp. (Ziegler), Ziegler Gilsonite Mines, M/047/013, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Covington:

The Division has completed a review of the proposed amendment to the mine plan for the Ziegler Gilsonite operations received June 9, 1994. The proposed modifications include: (1) reducing the floor pillar thickness from 20 feet to 10 feet, (2) mining on the federal lease up to the border of Ziegler's patented land instead of leaving a 25 foot barrier pillar, and (3) constructing an escapeway 200 feet to the southeast of the initial shaft in lieu of an escapeway 500 feet to the southeast of the initial shaft. These modifications are not in conflict with the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act and the Division's interpretive Minerals Rules. No additional information is required at this time. The Division hereby grants its approval of this amendment to the mine plan.

Please be advised that you will need approval from the BLM before implementing the proposed amendment on the federal lease. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact me or Tony Gallegos.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: Alan Vance, BLM State Office
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